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Dear Eli,

Dave Hamburg and I have been discussing some proposals that might be of sufficient interest to NIMH to elicit your contract support. They concern our organizing a consultation activity in several areas of mutual concern including:

- 1) the definition of research challenges in biological and behavioral sciences for progress in mental health
- 2) the protection of individual liberty in the face of potentially intrusive scientific knowledge and technique
- 3) the examination of pervasive environmental factors that may bear on mental health
- 4) a study of the various ways in which basic and interdisciplinary research can most effectively be influenced to respond to social requirements without prejudicing the quality of the overall program.

If these items are of interest to you, we would welcome a visit from you and your colleagues to discuss these proposals in greater detail.

Sincerely yours,

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